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ENHANCEMENT TO HORIZONTALLY STRUCTURED MANUFACTURING PROCESS MODELING

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a method of horizontally structured CAD/CAM manufacturing, comprising establishing a coordinate system and a master process model. Virtual machining of a virtual blank is modeled to facilitate establishing machining instructions to create an actual part.

The actual manufactured part is created by a method of horizontally structured CAD/CAM manufacturing including a blank into which one or more manufacturing features may be machined in accordance with a machining instruction. The manufacturing feature(s) exhibits an associative relationship with a coordinate system.